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Volunteer "Parties" Net Cleaner Waters

With the return of the warmer weather, more and more people are outdoors, including volunteers. Nearly a dozen people took part in a volunteer work party last month at Delta Ponds. Floating in canoes and kayaks, the group targeted ludwigia, an aquatic invasive plant species.



While it took a keen eye to find the plants and a gentle hand to pull the plant and roots up, volunteers managed to fill several canoes. All of the plants were then spread high up on the bank to dry out and die. The City has been controlling ludwigia at Delta Ponds for more than five years, primarily with contractors. This year the City pledged to use volunteers as a match for grant funding received from the Oregon State Weed Board.



Coordinators plan to host similar volunteer parties this summer with the intent of building a large volunteer contingent that might meet on a monthly basis in the future. For more on this volunteer opportunity, call or e-mail [Carrie Karl](#), Natural Area Volunteer Coordinator at 541-682-4850. For more info about ludwigia, call or e-mail [Lauri Holts](#), Ecologist, at 541-682-4925.

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Mayor Piercy Visits China for Climate Summit

Mayor Kitty Piercy traveled to Beijing recently to attend the second annual U.S.-China Climate-Smart/Low-Carbon Cities Summit on June 7 and 8, joined by Mayors and executive staff from over 20 US and 40 Chinese cities. The Summit corresponded with Secretary of State John Kerry and Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew's visit to China for the U.S.-China Strategic Economic Dialogues, which included meetings with Chinese President Xi Jinping. Given the strained relations over actions in the South China Sea, the Climate Summit provided the opportunity for both national governments and local leaders to focus on collaborative learning to take action on reducing carbon emissions. The Summit served as a continuation of the work started with the group last year in LA, and the subsequent COP21-Climate Agreements in Paris this last winter.



The summit is a public/private partnership between the U.S. State Department, the Chinese Government, and the C40 Cities Program in association with Bloomberg Philanthropies. The non-profit C40 Cities funded all travel expenses for Mayor Piercy and accompanying staff. The summit featured more than a dozen sessions led by leading NGOs, research institutes, and government agencies. It included a low-carbon exhibition, as well as major announcements in areas including transportation, access to financing, and city-level partnerships.

Mayor Piercy participated in the session titled "City Low Carbon Economy Transition", hosted by the Center for Climate Strategies (CCS), World Resources Institute (WRI) and the National Center for Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation (NCSC). Other panelists included Chinese officials from Chengdu, Jilin Huaibei, and Jinchang, with Mayor Wade Troxell of Fort Collins, CO joining the mayoral presentations. The second section of the session included a panel discussion with executive leaders from CCS, WRI, NCSC, World Bank, and China Center for Urban Development.

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New Arts and Business Loan Program Awards First Loan

The City of Eugene and the Arts and Business Alliance of Eugene (ABAE) are excited to announce that Shadowfox will be the first recipient of financing through the new Arts and Business Loan program. Shadowfox features the work of Pancoast, a local artist whose creations range from hand built shadowboxes to up-cycled earrings, and unique home décors. The Arts and Business Loan program promotes community and economic development in Eugene by providing financial support to local businesses, arts organizations and artists.



Shadowfox was founded by Pancoast in 2012. He combines multiple disciplines and techniques in his creations, transforming hand drawings into three-dimensional art pieces. Shadowfox began as a vendor at the Eugene Saturday Market, Oregon Country Fair, and other local festivals, before opening a storefront in the heart of downtown Eugene in June 2015.

The Arts and Business Loan is a new program established through a partnership between the City of Eugene and the Arts and Business Alliance of Eugene. The program directly supports arts and culture in Eugene by offering

quick, low-cost loans for new projects or business improvements that utilize the arts to promote community and economic development.

Shadowfox plans to use the loan funds to improve the gallery including updating light fixtures, making architectural changes, placing new awnings outside, and adding a brand new sign along W. Broadway. These updates will help support a unique collaboration of art and business, and Shadowfox

and Perk Coffee and Espresso will join forces to offer coffee, beer, and wine at the location. The businesses plan on holding a grand opening in the space when improvements are completed later this fall.

The Arts and Business Loan program offers a variety of financing options for eligible applicants. Commercial businesses, not-for-profit entities, and individual artists are eligible to apply, provided they are located within the City of Eugene. For more information on the program, please contact [Aaron Doreen](#) at (541) 682-5448 or visit <http://artsbusinessalliance.org/loanprogram>.

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